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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of:

Elco et al.Serial No.: **09/208,962**Group No.: **2839**Filed: **10 December 1998**Examiner: **N. Abrams**For: **LOW CROSS TALK AND IMPEDANCE CONTROLLED ELECTRICAL
CONNECTOR WITH SOLDER MASSES**

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On December 28, 2001
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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 31, 2001, issued in connection with the above-captioned patent application. A request for an extension of time of one month to respond to the action accompanies this response.

The undersigned would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the in-person interview conducted on December 5, 2001. At the interview, the Examiner and Applicants' undersigned attorney discussed the claims and the prior art of record.

Reconsideration of the Office Action is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 18-20, 22-40, and 43-45 without prejudice to Applicants' right to pursue those claims in a continuing application.